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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

Additional documents filed herewith:

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Substitute Specification w/Marked-Up Copy

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS		RATE		CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	13	MINUS	20	0	х	\$18	=	\$0.00
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-13 as shown in the marked-up copy attached. A clean form of the amended Claims 1-13 is as follows:

1. (Amended) A low attenuation optical fiber comprising:

a dispersion characteristic (D) of 2.0 to 14.0 ps/nm/km in absolute value over a

wavelength band of 1530 to 1565 hm; and

a transmission loss at a wavelength of 1550 nm which remains no more than 0.25

dB/km under standard atmospheric conditions, wherein

said transmission loss at 1550 nm does not exceed 0.25 dB/km after being exposed,